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Attorney Docket Number	P0021US00

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Application No.: 09/765,207.

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For: **SAMPLE DEPOSITION
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Art Unit: 2856

Examiner: NOLAND, Thomas

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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and

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §
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This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2004, and is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw finality of the rejection and consider the amendments and remarks made herein. An Information Disclosure Statement was submitted electronically on this date (paper copy enclosed for the Examiner's convenience); consideration of the cited reference also is requested.

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